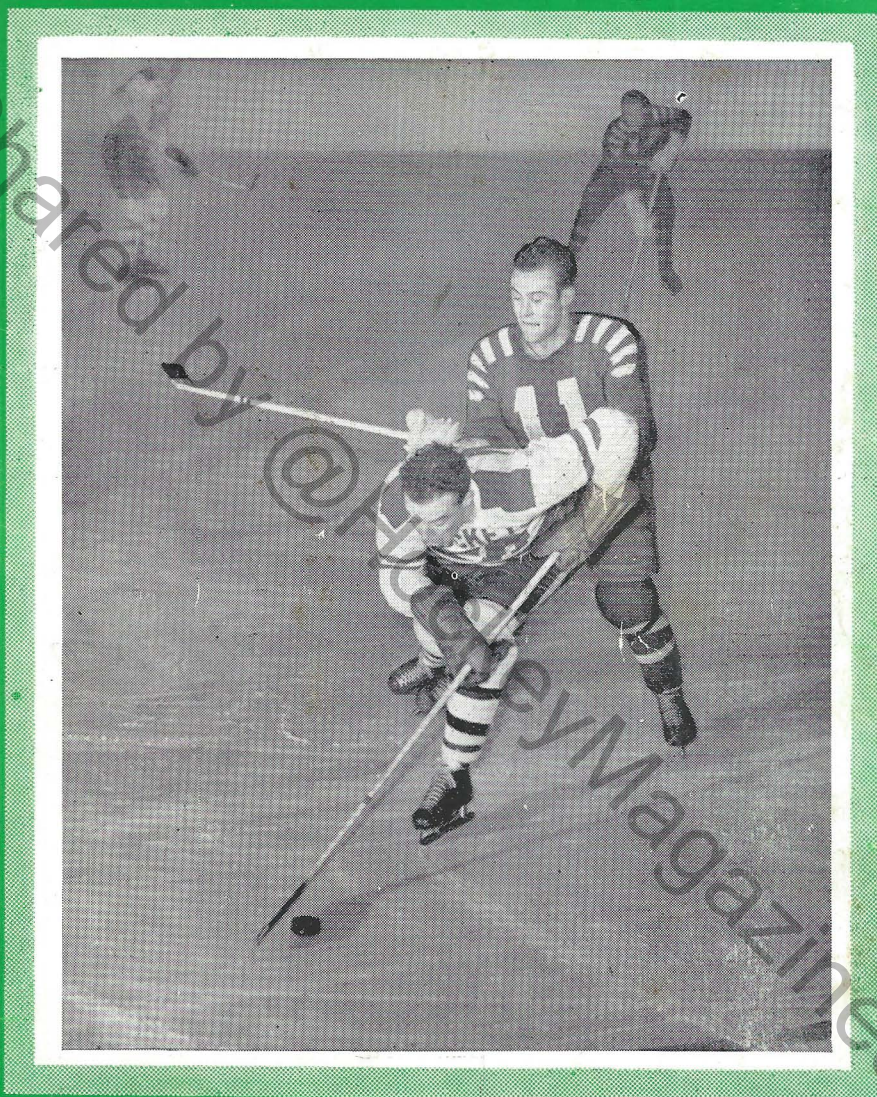
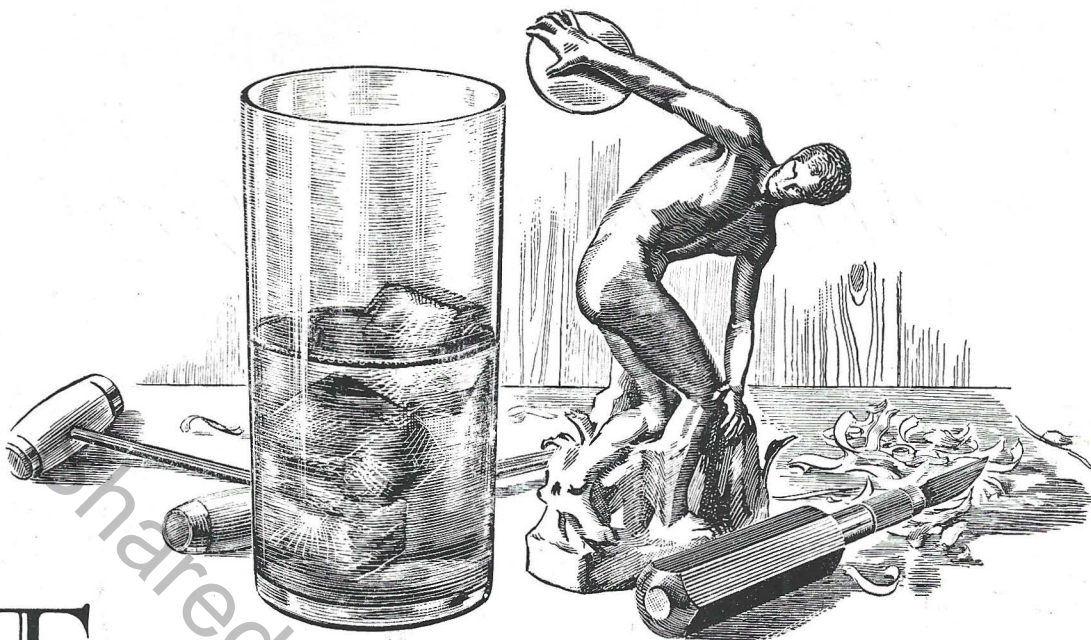


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Quick Shift

The Story of a Goalie's Ups and Downs

by Stan Baumgartner
Inquirer Hockey Writer

Don't think that fellow you see standing in front of the nets has a soft job of it just because he is packed with pads, has a stick to defend himself and doesn't have to move more than 5 feet at any time during a game.

He's the goalie, and if there is any tougher job in hockey than being a goalie (other than being a coach) Wally Kilrea, head-man of the Rockets would like to know it.

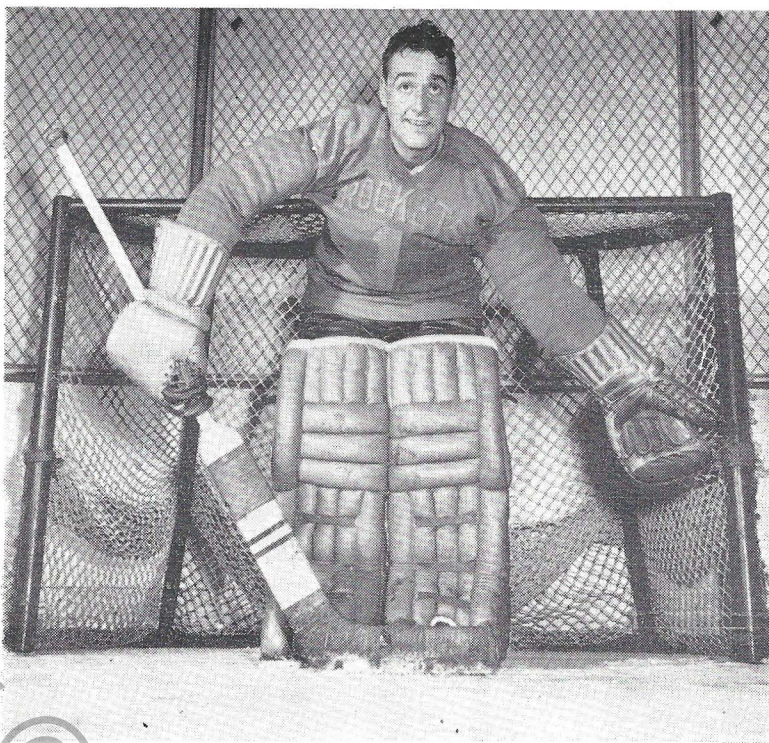
The handsome, affable, soft spoken boss often played goal when he was a boy—"just to see what it was like," he says. "Once I was old enough to know better, I then became a center."

The goaltender is the last line of defense. If he is not a daring, agile, sharpwitted lad the red light you see behind his cage may turn into a pink slip in quick fashion—"pink slips" being as they are a symbol for getting fired.

"He's the fellow," says Kilrea "who doesn't get into the lime-light ordinarily unless he has a bad night. He shoves out a stick, a hand or makes no movement at all and a shot is saved or flies wide of the target. The spectators pay little heed...they give all the attention and the cheers to a Stefaniw, a Hergesheimer or a Wochy. But if the goalie misses...Oh Boy!..He gets everything but the bucket.

"Being a goalie is a tough and exacting job. He must have a fine pair of hands as quick and tough as they are big. He must be able to use them as skillfully as a big league first baseman. And the puck flies faster than a baseball.

"His eyes must be quick and twice as sure. A goalie never gets two shots at a puck. If he does not sight it with the first



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look he is lost. In a pinch a fellow with impaired eyesight might get by as a wingman or even on the defense but down in front of that net you've got to have good eyes. They must be the eyes of a hawk.

"Great goalies are born not made. To these natural attributes must be added a sense of judgement which can be sharpened by experience. But that, too, is mostly instinct. It is this judgement which instantly tells a goalie that an oncoming forward is going to feint him in a certain direction and then hold the puck instead of shoot it and follow up with a shot for an opening. The crack goalie can tell by the actions of a wingman what his intentions are.

"He must anticipate every move of the offense as it comes toward him and once he gets his hands on the puck he must clear it, if possible, into the path of one of his own mates. He must avoid rebound shots and never put the rubber back in action in front of the goal.

"Smart forwards try all sorts

of tricks to outwit the goalie. The most common, of course, is to peer intently at one side of the goal and shoot for the opposite point of the net. To avoid this the goalie never looks into the eyes of the attacking puck carrier. If he does he's a sucker. The goalie is the one man in hockey who should never lose sight of the puck. Even when the puck is at the other end of the rink, with his own teammates threatening to score, the net-minder should keep his eyes glued to the little rubber disc.

"A goalie often bats a puck with his gloved hand or catches it when it would be easier to reach with the stick. Why? The reason is because the elusive little puck will roll once it drops on the ice. One place it might roll is in the net and no matter how it gets in it counts.

"Goaltenders usually defend the goal from the side on which the attack is coming. If the offensive is moving down the right alley the net-minder will

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WATCH THAT SENESKY . . .

That's Latest BAA Battle Cry When Rivals Have Warriors On Defense.

by Ed Delaney
Daily News Writer

On Boston's recent visit—a disastrous one for the Warriors—to the home of the Basketball Association of America champions, those who sat in the stands awed at the spectacle of Dutch Garfinkel in his floormanship against Eddie Gottlieb's crew.

Garfinkel was superb as he directed the Celtics to an unexpected victory.

But what the guy in the stands missed was a new quip Garfinkel introduced.

It has always been the defensive team's aim to perfect a rock-ribbed defense against the opposing shooters.

Little attention does an offensive team give to the defenders as

they drive for the basket. They have their own time taken up in carrying out their own offensive maneuvers.

But while he was directing the Celtics, Garfinkel was performing a two fold task. As he handed out passes—long and short—to teammates he kept an alert eye on George Senesky, the Warriors great floorman.

As he set up the Celtics' offense, he kept bellowing to his teammates, "Watch Senesky".

Dutch held fear in his heart for the Blond Atom of the Wooden Way. He was well aware of Senesky's ability to steal the ball away from the opposition.

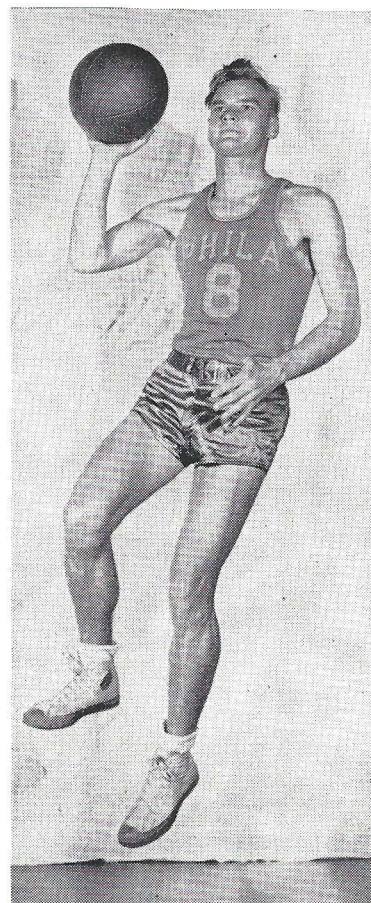
Garfinkel wasn't letting Senesky throw a monkey wrench in Boston's offensive plane.

As Dutch passed the ball around, he kept one eye glued to Senesky, the other to the player who was to receive his pass.

More than once, Garfinkel's heart jumped as Senesky moved in to steal the ball, but Dutch gave out a quick warning and his Celtics' teammates knew of the immediate danger.

Yes, the Dutchman introduced a new "sports" wrinkle. Unseen to the guy in the stands, but observed by we guys at court-side.

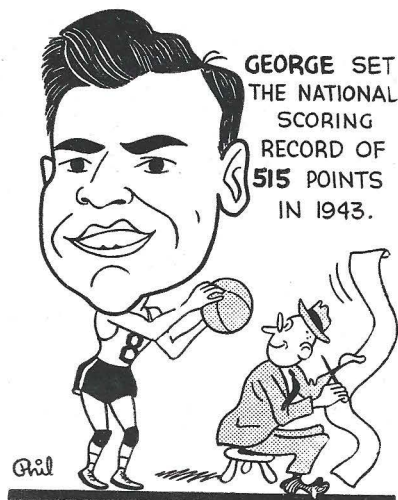
Truthfully, we're amazed that other Basketball Association of America clubs haven't taken Garfinkel's cue as Senesky has developed into one of the league's greatest floormen.



George Senesky

George is truly an aggressive, alert ball hawk and delights his followers and causes no end of embarrassment to the enemy by the slick manner in which he steals the ball away from an opponent.

So we must take our hats off to Garfinkel. He sized up the situation in Boston's visit here and his "second sense" had a lot to do with the Celtics' surprising victory.



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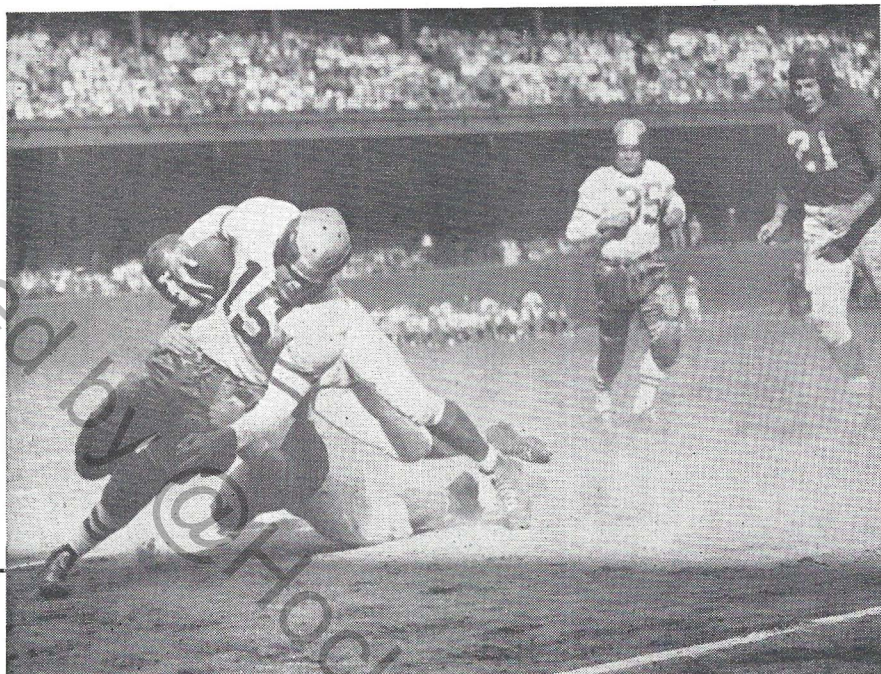
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Goals by the Pair

Cliff Simpson, high scoring center of the Indianapolis Capitals, and leading scorer of the American Hockey League, believes in scoring his goals in multiple numbers. In three consecutive games this season, he had a pair of goals in each game.

Two Kinds of Bowling

Joe Cooper, sturdy defence-man of the Cleveland Barons in the American Hockey League, loves to "bowl" over his opponents during the hockey season. Joe also loves his bowling on the polished alleys, and is opening a twenty alley establishment in Winnipeg, Canada.

Namesakes

Baseball has its players nicknamed Yogi, in the person of Larry Berra with the New York Yankees. Philadelphia Rockets of the American Hockey League also have their player with a mystic name this season. He is Charlie "Yogi" Kraiger, battling left winger for the Quaker City representatives. Kraiger, was born in Czecho-Slovakia.

Rah-Rah Hockey

Brown University will have an ice hockey team in action this season for the first time since the 1938-39 campaign. They will tangle with Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth and Army, the "big boys" of eastern college hockey. Coaching Brown is Wacky Moulton.



STARTING YOUNG

Brian Alexander Motter, age four and a half, gets an assist from his Dad, Al Motter, Rockets' defenseman. Despite his tender years, Brian is a great little skater, is on the ice at the Arena as much as possible, and, like the future hockey player that he wants to be, wields a mean stick (especially sawed off for size) when he's "practicing" around. He hopes to grow up to be a defenseman, like his Dad.

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Celebrating A Birthday

The Rockets' No. 1 Line . . . of Hergesheimer, Narduzzi and Stefaniw is now One Year Old.

The Rockets' No 1 line celebrates a birthday tomorrow. It will be one year old.

Tonight, against the St. Louis Flyers, the three skating hockey men who have been waging war together against the Rockets' opposition since they got together a year ago, wind up their first season as a playing unit.

They include, as every Rocket fan is well aware . . . Phil Hergesheimer, the American League scoring champion of the 1946-47 campaign . . . Wally Stefaniw, clever centerman who currently leads the 1947-48 club in scoring . . . and Mike Narduzzi, fast skating left winger who was one of the league's leading rookies last season.

With tonight's game, they will have played 61 league contests together . . . 42 of them last year, 19 this season. As a line, up to but not including the Hershey game last Thursday, they had scored 82 goals and made 128 assists for a total of 210 points.

This does not include the goals and assists made by Stefaniw and Narduzzi during the first six games this season while their partner, Hergesheimer was sidelined with a broken jaw; nor does it include the points made by Mike and Hergie in the 22 games played by the Rockets last year before Wally joined them on the line. It merely includes what Hergie and Mike and Wally have made in the 61 games they have played together.

If, of course, you are interested in adding the points that each has made since playing for the Rockets, you will find a higher total.

Hergesheimer collected 48 goals and 44 assists for 92 points last year, a total which placed him fifth among the

all-time scoring greats in the American Hockey League. Mike had 17 and 35 for 52 while Wally made 12 goals and had 36 assists for 48. This gives the trio a grand total of 77 goals, 115 assists and 192 points. That includes each man's total in each department for the season.

Hergesheimer, who missed the first half dozen games, had collected 11 goals and 7 assists for 18 points in 17 games this campaign . . . up to last Thursday's Hershey contest. Mike, who like Wally played in each of the first 23 games which brings the count to the last Hershey clash, had four goals, 11 assists and 15 points. Wally had hit the nets on four occasions for scores and assisted in the making of 24 other goals to accumulate a grand total of 28 points which made him team pace-setter. Thus, these three had accounted for 23 goals and totalled 42 assists this season . . . up to last Thursday.

It is interesting how Phil and Mike and Wally got together to play as a forward line for the Rockets. It is probably more interesting how they immediately "clicked" and Hergie . . . the Phantom Phil of the ice . . . went on to

take the scoring title of the league last year; Mike became one of the leading rookies, and Wally moved his way up to take the No 1 scoring spot on the team in 1947-48.

It was no secret early last season that the Rockets were badly in need of a middle man to set up plays so that Hergie, always a prolific scorer and dangerous around the nets, could pick up goals . . . and perhaps put the Rockets on their way to a victory or two.

As it happened, along about December 3, Peter A. Tyrrell, the Arena's General Manager, bought Stefaniw from the Cleveland Barons. Wally came here from the Minneapolis Millers, a Cleveland farm, where he had been the No 4 center. This meant he hadn't been seeing regular action.

Stefaniw played his first game with the Rockets on December 4, 1946 when he centered Augie Herchenratter and Ab Collings. He got an assist on the only goal made by the Rockets that night.

Three days later on December 7th, the Rockets played Indianapolis. It was decided to try Stefaniw at center between Hergesheimer (right

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Hergie, Wally and Mike

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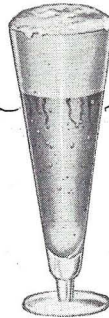
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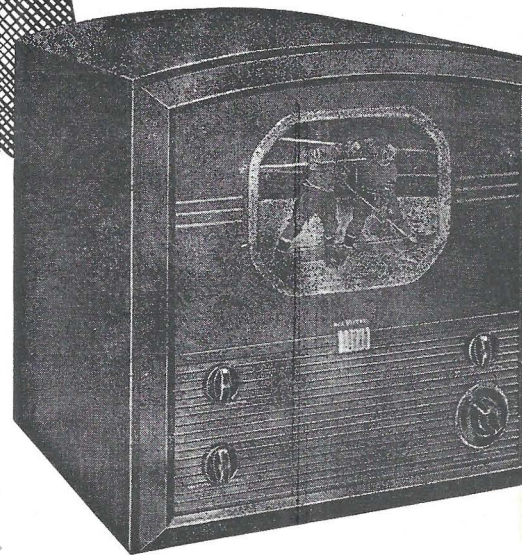
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No.	Player	Pos.	G	A	Pts.	SAVES BY GOALIE
1—	Maurice Courteau	G				1 1 1
1—	Harvey Jessiman	G				2 2 2
2—	Eddie Bush	RD				3 3 3
4—	Alex Motter	LD				4 4 4
5—	Orville (Rusty) Waldriff	LD				5 5 5
6—	Jim Drummond	LD				6 6 6
7—	Phil Hergesheimer	RW				7 7 7
8—	Ken Kilrea	C				8 8 8
9—	Steve Wochy	RW				9 9 9
10—	John Mahaffy	C				10 10 10
11—	Wendell Jamieson	RW				11 11 11
14—	Mike Narduzzi	LW				12 12 12
15—	Wally Stefaniw	C				13 13 13
16—	George DeFelice	LW				14 14 14
17—	Walter Hnatiuk	RW				15 15 15
18—	Chuck Kraiger	LW				16 16 16
19—	Al Shewchuk	RD				17 17 17
20—	Augie Herchenratter	RW				18 18 18
22—	Harold Bangay	LW				19 19 19
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Manager—Max Kaminsky

Coach—Wally Kilrea

Trainer—Lefty Jordan

Is The Goal Judge A Forgotten Man?

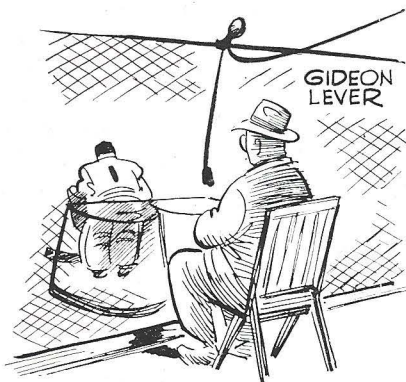
Nobody gives a thought to the goal judge in hockey until a dispute arises over the scoring of a goal, and then the fans give vent to their feelings in the event that the man at the red light switch happens to make a decision against the home club.

The goal judges have the most important jobs outside of the rink. They have to have keen eyes and to be able to tell instantly when the puck crosses the line of the cage front. Often their decisions are vital in a close game, inasmuch as the referee usually takes the word of the goal judge when a team questions the validity of a goal.

There was a case in New York where a Ranger player who already scored two of his team's goals, contended that another of his shots had gone clear through the net and into the backboards.

The referee questioned the goal judge who declared that the shot in question had gone wide of the net. The player even went to the trouble of squeezing a puck through the cords just to prove that it could be done, but the goal judge was adamant and the referee accepted his decision as final.

As a result, the Rangers wound up in a tie game with their opponent, whereas if the goal judge had changed his verdict they would have won by the margin of the disputed tally.



This shows how important the job of goal judge is and it takes a man of keen perception and with the courage of his convictions to make decisions and stick to them.

Birthday . . .

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wing) and Narduzzi (left). Things immediately began to happen.

The Rockets, who won only five games all last season and tied only seven, battled the Caps in that December 7th game to a 5-5 tie. It was a red letter night. Stefaniw made the tying goal. He also got an assist. Hergesheimer, in the meantime collected two goals; got one assist. Mike was credited with an assist on one of Hergie's counters. The line had clicked.... from the start.

In an earlier meeting with the Caps, Rockets fans remem-

bered that the local club had been beaten (shhh...8 to 1).

Hergie, Mike and Wally kept picking up points as the season rolled. Soon they were known as the Rockets' No. 1 line, which has stuck.

They are an unusual combination. Hergie' born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is of German extraction. Stefaniw, although raised in hockey-playing Canadian country.... Winnipeg, again.... was born in Trembole Poland. Mike, of Italian extraction, was born in Fort William, Ontario.

Although their combined ages add up to 80 years.... Hergie is 32, Mike, 23, and Wally, 25.... the Rockets No 1 line will be one-year-old to-morrow. Happy Birthday!

Century Club

The American Hockey League "100 goal" club, welcomed a new member recently. Pete Leswick, hard shooting right wing of the Cleveland Barons reached the century mark in goal scoring on Nov. 8th against the Indianapolis Capitals. Leswick joins 26 other American Hockey League players who have performed the feat of scoring 100 or more goals.

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	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Providence	23	12	9	2	26	104	94
Hershey	23	10	7	6	26	81	78
New Haven	21	8	10	3	19	64	70
Washington	23	7	14	2	16	66	95
Philadelphia	22	7	14	1	15	78	94
Springfield	23	6	16	1	13	73	107

Western Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	21	15	2	4	34	96	49
Buffalo	21	13	6	2	28	86	74
Indianapolis	23	12	9	2	26	101	78
Cleveland	20	11	7	2	24	83	66
St. Louis	22	6	13	3	15	65	92

Leading Scorers

	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
Ed Prokop, Providence	23	21	18	39	8
Cliff Simpson, Indpls.	23	19	16	35	21
Ray LaPlante, Prov.	23	11	24	35	4
Carl Liscombe, Providence	23	17	16	33	4
Fern Gauthier, Indpls.	23	16	13	29	4
Bill Summerhill, Spr.	23	12	15	27	4
Syd Smith, Pitts.	21	16	10	26	11
Eldie Kobussen, Spr.	22	16	10	26	4
Wally Stefaniw, Phila.	22	4	22	26	2
Joe Bell, Buffalo	21	12	12	24	24
Mark Marquess, Hershey	23	11	13	24	9
Les Douglas, Buffalo	21	10	14	24	8
Ab De Marco, Cleveland	20	9	15	24	2
Paul Courteau, Spr.	23	6	18	24	12
Don Morrison, Ind.	23	11	12	23	9
Frank Mario, Hershey	23	10	13	23	8
Roger Bedard, Prov.	22	9	14	23	22
Pete Langelie, Pitts.	21	8	15	23	4
Harry Frost, Spr.	23	7	16	23	9
Tod Sloan, Pitts.	21	11	11	22	8
Paul Gladu, St. Louis	22	9	13	22	10
John O'Flaherty, Pitts.	21	8	14	22	4
Hugh Millar, Ind.	23	7	15	22	14
Chuck Scherza, Prov.	23	4	18	22	33
Steve Wochy, Phila.	22	14	7	21	2
Nelson Podolosky, Ind.	23	11	10	21	16
Bill Gooden, Spr.	23	10	11	21	4
Harvey Fraser, Prov.	21	9	12	21	6
Len Halderson, Buffalo	21	8	13	21	13
Ken Kilrea, Phila.	22	8	13	21	10
Don Grosso, St. Louis	22	6	15	21	6
Murdo McKay, Buffalo	14	12	8	20	8
Bob Selinger, Cleve.	20	11	9	20	14
Ken Schultz, Wash.	20	8	12	20	2
Eddie Bush, Phila.	22	6	14	20	46

Leaders

Goals

Ed Prokop, Providence21

Assists

Ray LaPlante, Providence24

Three Goals, 1 Game

Les Douglas, Buffalotwice

Penalties

Phil Samis, Pittsburgh50 min.

Shutouts

Jim Henry, New Haven1
Baz Bastien, Pittsburgh1
Floyd Perras, Springfield1
Gordon Bell, Washington1
Maurice Courteau, Philadelphia1
Harvey Jessiman, Philadelphia1
Gordon Henry, Hershey1

Goaltender

	GP	GA	SO	Avg.
Baz Bastien, Pittsburgh	21	49	1	2.33

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Quick Shift . . .

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protect the left side of his net, facing the attack.

"He spreads himself out in a crouched position from which he rarely relaxes and blocks off the corner of the net completely, leaving an opening to his right. Since the forwards have difficulty hitting the goal head on, they usually shoot from angles. Angle shots are the ones that win or lose games, yet they are the shots the goalie must make his opponents take—and he must develop the ability to keep them out.

"Only on special occasions should a goalie go on the ground or shoot out in front of the net to smother the puck—and then a defenseman should quickly step into the nets.

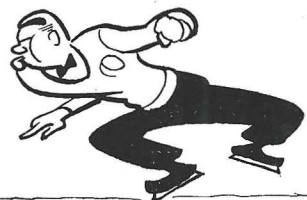
"A goalie is up and down more often than Firpo was in the famous bout with Jack Dempsey, and more times in a single period than a good fighter in his whole career.

Sometimes he gets socked on the chin, too, but he must keep going. Handball is a great game for goalies, sharpens their eyes, makes them agile.

"There was a time when it was believed that only little fellows made good net-minders but that has been disproved. The belief probably came from the fact that smaller kids—when they were young—found out they couldn't hold their own in other positions on the ice. They would get bumped all over the place if they tried the wings or center or defense. So they went to the only place left, if they loved hockey, and that was in goal.

"However today many fine goaltenders are good sized lads, Harvey Jessiman of the Rockets is 5.10 and Bill Durnan of the Montreal Canadiens who has been named the Vezina trophy winner for the past four seasons is called "Big Bill".

Of course, there have been a lot of little guys who have been pretty good, too. Nick Damore of our league was a little monkey; so were Alex Connell, Roy Worters, Wilfie Cude (one of the old Ramblers) Big or small makes no difference as long as they keep 'em out."



Family Feuding

Joe Bell of the Buffalo Bisons relishes scoring against his brother Gordie, goaltender of the Washington Lions in the American Hockey League. On Nov. 2nd, Joe twice placed the rubber into the net behind brother Gordon as Buffalo defeated Washington 7 to 3.

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1937-38 Providence (1.79)

HIGHEST SCORING GAME

(Both Teams)

Mar. 18, 1945 Pittsburgh 10, Clev. 12 (22)

HIGHEST SCORING GAME

(One Team)

Mar. 1, 1947 Pittsburgh 14, St. Louis 4 (14)

MOST SHUTOUTS IN A SEASON

1942-43 Buffalo (9)

HIGHEST SCORING SHUTOUT

Nov. 8, 1944 Hershey vs Pittsburg (11)

Jan. 29, 1946 Cleveland vs Hershey (11)

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1939-40 Hershey (5 games) (221.02)

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(Season)

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